[Verse 1]

Still in this b*t*h, ninety-eight is just another year I murder money drama b*t*hes, that fall in piers Comin' out the city where no pity be a way of life When n***as quick to bust a cap in you to earn they stripes Ain't nothin' changed in these West coast killin' fields I seen so many homies die that I ain't got no feeling So I handles mine, pack a strap and keep on strivin' And quick to let these n***as if it get down to violent Cause these haters ain't no friends to me, they make it plain But I refuse to be a victim of these ghetto games Break away from all the stress, bullsh*t and aggravation And now I'm quick to blast if you want a confrontation But it seem like every time I turn around it's drama Hella flowers, coffee drinkin', and cryin' mama Somethin' tellin' me this madness ain't gon' never stop So I keep strivin' fo' the top

[Hook]

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Understand these cowards fold when these n***as shoot
Understand this rap sh*t is just another way
Just another lick where motherf**kers gettin' paid
It really ain't the same as it was in the past
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Understand this rap game is just another front
Just another way for motherf**kers comin' up, and it's like that
[Verse 2]

So what's the ticket out the ghetto for these young players?

Slangin' dope, playin' ball or bein' rhyme sayers

They want the money fast, f**k school, that ain't what's happenin'

So some of them n***as got together and they started rappin'

And it would be like who the tightest on the microphone

Makin' demos in the basement of they mama's home

And 'fore you know it n***as got theyself a record deal

And now they makin' money, doin' what they love for real

Limousines, fast cash, and autographs

Groupie hoes after every show be workin' the staff

And magazines givi'n love cause they sh*t is best

Unless of course it's The Source and you from the West

Now mama's braggin' cause they baby's on the television

And they livin' every day like it's Thanksgiving

But you know, what they say if it sound too good to be true, it probably is

That's the music biz

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[Verse 3]

I'm twenty-eight and I've been in the game since eighty-six World tours, cash money, and hella hits Done seen these rap stars disappear like civil rights And go from po' to rich to po' again, overnight So many perils in this game if yo' team is faulty That's why my lawyer keep these motherf**kin' devils off me And freak b*t*hes be, quick to set you up by playin' That pu**y game like, you the daddy or you rapin' See dumb n***as get they money took, tryin' to be That motherf**ker on the television out with Robin Leach A couple of cars, hella clothes, and before you know it That n***a to' back, hella broke with nothin' showin' So here's a little game from a homey that's still playin' The mo' sh*t you see a n***a with, the mo' he payin' In this rap life, nothin' what it seem to be I hope you motherf**kers feel me, that's reality

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